

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:	Examiner:
Shamim M. Malik, et al.	Uyen T. Ho
Serial No. 09/997,449	Art Unit: 3731
Filed: November 30, 2001	
Title: A Modified Implantable Device Surface And A Method Of Making The Same	

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Ho:

This responds to the Office Action dated March 27, 2006.

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